

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## **Division of Marine Fisheries**

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To the Selectmen/Mayor of the following municipalities:

Plymouth, Duxbury, Marshfield, Scituate, Cohasset, Hull and Boston

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish from the below-defined areas **no longer contain biotoxins** (**Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP)**) from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* (*spp.*) in excess of established standards.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closures issued on June 19, 2019 will be rescinded at sunrise on Saturday July 20, 2019 in the below-defined areas for all shellfish, including carnivorous snails and whole Sea scallops. Shellfish in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the "open" status may be harvested on Saturday July 20, 2019 for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52. Similarly, those areas classified as CONDITIONALLY APPROVED or CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED and in the "open" status are subject to the classification conditions. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

## STATUS: OPEN TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH

## MB:1-MB:14

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas MB1, MB2, MB3, MB4, MB5, MB6, MB7, MB8, MB9, MB10, MB11, MB12, MB13, and MB14 in the towns of Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury and Plymouth, the City of Boston and marine waters managed by the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

David E. Pierce

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